

ROBBERS AT LIBERTY

Cook's Gang of Outlaws as Yet Undisturbed.

DETAILS OF THE TRAIN ROBBERY.

Several Different Accounts of How the Hold-Up Occurred on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Pacific Railroad at Blackstone, I. T., on Tuesday Night—Another Dastardly Outrage Reported.

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 15.—The bullet-riddled and dynamite-shattered cars and coaches of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train, which was held up and robbed at Blackstone, I. T., Tuesday night, arrived in this city yesterday.

W. W. Glover, clerk in charge of the mailcar, said that no sooner had the train stopped than the robbers opened up a regular fusillade. Going to the express car, the leader demanded admittance of Messenger Lyon. "Instead of opening up," Glover continued, "the occupants of the car fired a number of shots from the inside. Convinced that resistance was to be determined, the bandits began exploding sticks of dynamite, but no damage was done. Leaving the express car temporarily, the cut-throats fired possibly 200 shots into the coaches, and that one or more passengers were not killed or wounded is a miracle.

"The bandits then turned their attention to the passengers. A young man of 23 or 24 years old, wearing a white slouch hat, a false beard and a brown coat acted as leader, and entered the smoking car, while the remainder of the gang stood outside standing guard. The leader carried a sack for the reception of the valuables, and it was given to a passenger to hold while the work of 'holding up' was going on. From passenger to passenger the leader proceeded, and money, watches and other valuables were handed over with rapidity.

Colonel Leslie Marmaduke of Sweet Springs, Mo., who was one of the passengers in the Wagner sleeper Junata, said there was only one robber in sight and he appeared to be greatly excited. "He took my gold watch and then leaving our car, stepped into the special sleeper in our rear and went through it. There were more passengers in it than in ours and I understood the robber got \$500 in cash and a number of gold watches."

C. B. Lyon, the American Express company's messenger, who with Guards Ead Lebetter, Payton, Talbot and Sidney Johnson, held the fort against the bandits and would not surrender the treasure in his car, said:

"We refused to open the door when called upon to do so and endeavored to return shot for shot, about 30 in all, we fired, I imagine.

"The outfit finally left in disgust and paid their attention to the passengers. After the successful defense of the express car, Lebetter made a charge upon the retreating robbers. He pumped two Winchester's dry before they got out of range. I do not know to a certainty, but I have good reason for believing that the leader of the gang was shot by Guard Lebetter just as they had completed their work."

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

D. M. Wisdom, Indian Agent at Muskogee, Talks on the Robbery.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Nov. 15.—D. M. Wisdom, Indian agent at this place, talked of the hold-up on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway as follows: "From information I have received I think there were 14 or 15 men in the gang that held up the train at Blackstone switch Tuesday night. They are evidently old hands at the business, and it is a miracle that several of the passengers were not killed, as the train was riddled with bullets.

"The leader of the gang was a light-complexioned man, about 30 years old. He had light hair and snaggle teeth. He wore a false beard and talked in a squeaky voice. He was the only robber that entered the cars. After the robbery the man left the train and started west.

"The authorities at Washington have been notified of the robbery and the desperate situation of affairs here."

Troops Can Not Be Called On.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The Indian office has received a telegram from Agent Wisdom at Muskogee, I. T., giving a brief account of the train hold-up by the Cook gang. He calls attention to his former requests that troops be sent into the territory, and states that the people are unable to protect either their lives or property. It having been decided that troops can not legally be sent into the territory, the matter must remain with the department of justice.

Cook Outlaws' Latest Outrage.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Nov. 15.—A remnant of the Cook outlaw gang, which had been run out of the Indian Territory, held up a German emigrant named Beckley, who was en route with his family from Wewoka to Tecumseh. The poor traveler was robbed of all his valuables, his oldest daughter raped and one of the horses unhitched from the wagon and taken off. There were four bandits in the party. Deputy marshals are in pursuit of the desperadoes.

Trouble Still Threatened.

MASSILLON, O., Nov. 15.—Contrary to expectations there has been no clash at Barn Hill. Marshal Just has been released on \$100 bail. He is charged with manslaughter. Edward Morgan, the victim of the Pike Run shooting at Leesville, will be buried tomorrow. Thirty deputies are still on duty.

STORMS OVER ENGLAND.

Several Vessels Wrecked and Great Damage Done by Floods.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—An unknown two-masted vessel was seen off Guernsey during the gale yesterday morning. She was apparently making bad weather of it. Suddenly she disappeared, and it is supposed that she foundered, taking all her crew down with her.

Further reports from the south and east of England report enormous loss to property. A number of villages are inundated. The inhabitants of all the low lying parts of these places removed in boats to places of safety. The wrecking of seven small vessels is reported from along the east and south coasts.

During the storm, a flushing pilot cutter was run down by a steamer and eight of the cutter's crew were drowned. A boat belonging to the London steamer Seadue had been washed ashore at Worthing, a town of Sussex. A corpse was in the boat, and from this it is supposed that the steamer has foundered.

Railroad General Manager Dismissed.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 15.—It is understood that the office of general manager has been abolished by the Lake Shore, and Mr. Caldwell, who has held that position since John Newell's death, will hereafter perform the duties of president exclusively. While no official announcement has been made, it is generally believed that the duties of general manager will devolve on General Superintendent Canniff. The title of general manager, which has for years adorned the door of the office now occupied by Mr. Caldwell in the Lake Shore building with that of president, has been ordered erased by President Caldwell.

Rapist Legally Hanged.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Nov. 15.—Moses Christopher, the negro who committed rape on Moselle Carter, a 7-year-old child, some two months since in Caroline county, and who was arrested, tried and convicted the same day of the crime, was hanged yesterday at Bowling Green. The execution took place exactly at 12 o'clock and the man was dead four minutes after the fall, his neck being broken. This is the first hanging in Caroline county for 17 years.

American Protest.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—A dispatch to The Times from Cape Town says that the Portuguese authorities recently imprisoned W. Stanley Hollis, consul of the United States, at Mozambique. He was charged with attempted homicide for shooting a Kafir whom he caught robbing his house. The Kafir recovered from his injuries and Mr. Hollis was acquitted. The American consul at Cape Town has protested to Portugal against the action of the authorities at Mozambique.

Lost His Life Saving Property.

MILLERSBURG, O., Nov. 15.—The telegraph office at Wolf's gravel pit, on the Toledo and Walhonding Valley railroad, caught fire from an overheated stove. There being a lot of dynamite stored in the building, the operator made a hasty escape. Section Foreman Johnson saw the building afire, and started to help put out the flames, when the explosion occurred, and the building was blown to atoms. Johnson was thrown a distance of 50 feet and fatally hurt.

A Young Lady Fatally Burned.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Nov. 15.—Miss Bertha Wright, one of the most popular and esteemed young ladies of our city, met with a most horrible accident Tuesday evening which ended in her death yesterday. About 7 o'clock she was playing the piano, when, without the slightest warning, the large center lamp exploded. The result was most pitiful, as Miss Wright was horribly burned and suffered intense pain until she died.

Panic in a Church Caused by Fire.

HARTFORD, Nov. 15.—While T. E. Murphy, the temperance advocate, was speaking to a large audience in the Fourth church last night, flames were discovered behind the organ and a panic ensued. In spite of the efforts of Murphy and others everyone rushed the exits and several ladies fainted in the excitement, but there were no casualties. The loss is \$15,000.

An Elevator Falls.

NORWALK, O., Nov. 15.—The elevator in the Glass block fell yesterday, injuring four people as follows: W. H. McDonald, back strained; C. W. Flynn, head cut, and L. D. Lyman, ankle injured. A fourth man, who was injured slightly, did not give his name. The cause of the accident was the breaking loose of a cable pulley and the failure of safety devices to work.

Farmers Quarrel With Fatal Results.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Nov. 15.—Charles Gillespie was shot and fatally wounded near this city last night by Jay Morgan. Both are wealthy farmers. They had a quarrel over the rental of some land, and last night Morgan called Gillespie to the door and, without warning, let both barrels of a shotgun off at him. The shot took effect in his thigh and he will die.

Both Men Held.

ATHENS, O., Nov. 15.—John Rasmussen and Frank Conroy, who are charged with assaulting and robbing William Holmes, in a West End saloon, were given a preliminary hearing before Mayor Wilson. Both were held to the grand jury under \$1,000 bond each, which they failed to furnish. Holmes is still in a precarious condition.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Charles E. Strong, manager of the Chicago Newspaper union and its branches in Sioux City and Fort Wayne, died at his home here yesterday. He was 53 years old, and had been ill for several months.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Second Days' Session of the New Orleans Convention.

GETTING DOWN TO REAL WORK.

Reports of Several Committees and a Number of New Committees Appointed. Amendments to the Constitution to Be Offered and Voted On—A Big Labor Consolidation Contemplated.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 15.—The late arrivals of the delegates to the general assembly of the Knights of Labor, which is in convention at Screwwoman's hall, has swelled the number to 100, and it is the largest meeting held by the order for several years.

Two sessions were held yesterday, with Master Workman James Sovereign presiding, and all of the general officers occupying their respective positions.

The morning session was taken up in routine work, reports of law, finance and credential committees. The latter report is being made in sections as a contest is accepted and passed.

A telegram was received from the Women's Christian Temperance union asking an opportunity to address the assembly. A committee was appointed to fix the time for the assembly to meet the ladies.

The afternoon session convened at 2 o'clock and adjourned at 5:30. At this session the questions affecting the coal miners was taken up and finally referred to the committee on grievances.

The press committee stated that action was taken on local assemblies which had been temporarily suspended on account of the questions of law, but the committee do not say what the result of the deliberations were.

The work of appointing committees consumed the greater part of the session, and the following were appointed:

On examination of resolutions and distributing the same to committees—Eldon W. Boynton of Maine, J. Shurtben of Ohio, and G. C. Purdy of St. Louis.

On legislation—Dan McLean of New York, William Lagate of Texas, F. L. S. Robinson of Indiana, A. S. Woods of Kentucky, and E. O. Adams of Nebraska.

On state of the order—Henry Traphagen of Philadelphia, Mike O'Kelly of New York, A. J. Wilson of Idaho, O. M. Harriott of Pittsburgh, M. J. Connolly of Brooklyn.

On mileage—Charles F. Berthold, W. J. Lynch of New York, John Haykins of Chicago, J. A. Bauer of Ohio and J. A. Roder of Montreal.

Torrence V. Powderly is still expected to attend the convention. Sovereign, it is claimed, will be his own successor.

Resolutions of all kinds will be introduced. Among other amendments that will be offered to the constitution, one will be introduced condemning President Cleveland for sending troops to Chicago during the strike there last summer, and others touching various matters of interest and concerning the Knights of Labor.

The movement to consolidate all the labor organizations into one powerful and united body with a new name and new constitution will be acted on in a few days. A resolution will be offered concerning the scheme, and when it comes up a vote will be taken to determine whether or not the Knights of Labor favor such a movement. It will more likely pass unanimously, as all who have been spoken to on the subject favor the scheme. Then attention will be called to the proposition by submitting it to other labor organizations. They will be asked to appoint delegates to a general conference, when the transformation will take place and the new organization will be launched.

FIRE AND GUNPOWDER.

Several People Injured and a Village Almost Entirely Destroyed.

ITHACA, Neb., Nov. 15.—Fire broke out at 7 o'clock yesterday evening and the business portion of this city burned to the ground. The lumberyard and office, Graham's drugstore, the general stores of H. P. Klapp and Wagner and Schoder, Smith's implement house, together with two dwellings, were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$25,000; insurance, \$5,000.

Several persons were injured by an explosion of gunpowder in the stores, and glass in the buildings across the street was shattered. There is no store in Ithaca now and the citizens are without food. The fire originated in the drugstore, but how is not known. A strong south wind drove the blaze rapidly northward and left no time to save the contents of the various buildings.

Town Attacked by Brigands.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—A dispatch from Rome says that a band of brigands, numbering 100, acting in military order, attacked Tortoli, a town of 2,000 inhabitants, in Sardinia. The gendarmes, assisted by townsmen, resisted desperately, but were overcome. Two gendarmes were killed and many persons were wounded. The brigands looted the town and decamped with their booty. Troops have been sent in pursuit of them.

Smugglers Arrested.

PORT HURON, Mich., Nov. 15.—An extensive gang of smugglers has been unearthed here and 1,500 pounds of crude celluloid which had been smuggled over the river was confiscated. They are Henry Humphrey, a driver, and Charles King, a one-armed drayman. The gang is believed to be a large one. The celluloid was in 20-pound cases. It had been brought over from Sarnia and consigned to a Chicago firm as paint.

CLEVELAND AND CARLISLE.

No Unpleasantness Existing Between the President and His Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The attention of the president was called to the statement contained in certain newspapers to the effect that there had been a disagreement between him and Mr. Carlisle in regard to the issue of bonds and other matters, and intimating that such disagreement might result in the secretary's retirement from the cabinet. The president emphatically denied the entire "batch of silly misstatements" and said: "Never since our association together has there been the slightest unpleasantness or difference concerning the affairs of the treasury department or any other matter. I have every reason to believe that his attachment to me is as sincere and great as mine is for him.

"I should be much afflicted if anything should cause him to entertain the thought of giving up his position where he is doing so much for his country. We have agreed exactly as to the issue of bonds and there has been no backwardness on his part on that subject. I see it is said that I am formulating a financial scheme. If such a scheme is presented it will be the work of the secretary of the treasury, and I shall endorse and support it.

"The trouble seems to be that those charged with the executive duties of the government do not appear willing at all times to take counsel of the newspapers and make public all they intend to do."

LIVES SACRIFICED.

Several People Burned to Death in the Arkansas Forest Fires.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 15.—The forest fires which are now raging in Arkansas and in parts of Shelby county caused the burning of three negro shanties near Millington last week, and probably the death of a negro named Fannie Woods. It is thought she will die.

Another casualty from the fire occurred on Mrs. W. P. York's plantation, about four miles from Millington, on last Thursday. A negro baby, the child of one Pitt Rhea, was playing near the fire when her dress became ignited and before any one could reach her she was burned so badly that she died a few hours later.

It is reported that five bodies, thought to be those of a hunting party, have been found in the St. Francis bottoms, in Arkansas, opposite Memphis.

Fires have broken out in the Nonconah bottoms, just south of Memphis.

Forest Fires in Mississippi.

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss., Nov. 15.—Forest fires are raging in this county. Owing to the long dry spell the woods burn like tinder. Five miles west of here a considerable area has been burned, but the greatest damage has been done east of this city where the people had to turn out and fight the flames in order to save their crops and homes. The air is filled with smoke in every direction.

STILL UNHEARD FROM.

The Revenue Cutter Rush Ordered to Search for the Lost Ivanhoe.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 15.—A telegram has been received by James D. Hoge, Jr., one of the proprietors of The Post-Intelligencer, from the treasury department, stating that the revenue cutter Richard Rush had been ordered from San Francisco to Santa Cruz along the coast of Vancouver island and among the islands to make a thorough search for the wreckage or survivors from the missing Ivanhoe, on which Hon. F. J. Grant, editor of The Post-Intelligencer was a passenger.

Captain Paterson of the schooner Fanny Dufur, who recently reported having seen a ship in distress off Cape Flattery a few days after the Ivanhoe sailed, says he was certain there was no person on board and that if it was the Ivanhoe she had been deserted. In that case the crew and passengers had taken to the boats and may either have been picked up by an outward bound ship or been driven on the coast of the Vancouver islands. In the latter case the Rush would be likely to pick them up.

Bodies Recovered After Eighty-Two Days.

CREDE, Colo., Nov. 15.—The mangled remains of Charles D. Proctor, Hugh Fay, Thomas Eversole and Archie Dowell were taken from the Amethyst mine shaft. It is 82 days since the burning of the mine shafthouse melted the strands of the cable and left the heavy skip go crashing down 850 feet of incline to crush and mangle these four men, who were working at the bottom of the shaft. It has been impossible to recover the bodies until last night on account of the mine being flooded.

May Become Pension Commissioner.

PORTLAND, Ind., Nov. 15.—The defeat of Hon. A. N. Martin for congress by Major George W. Steele may after all be to his gain. There is strong talk now of making him commissioner of pensions, in case Lockren retires, which now seems entirely probable. The matter seems to have all been talked over in Washington by the party leaders before Martin's return to Indiana and virtually settled upon.

Death of a Prominent Lawyer.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 15.—Horace Ransom Bigelow, born at Water Vliet, N. Y., in 1820, died yesterday evening. He came to this city in 1853 and continued the practice of law, which he had started at Utica, N. Y. He was one of the leading lawyers of the northwest, the firm Bigelow, Flandrau & Squires enjoying wide reputation for sound learning. Mr. Bigelow leaves a large estate.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The cash balance in the treasury at the close of business yesterday was \$103,702,558; gold reserve, \$41,951,802.

NASHVILLE TRAGEDY

A Court Chancellor Shot Down in the Courthouse.

HIS OWN CLERK THE SLAYER.

The Pistol User Then Turns the Weapon on Himself and Fires Twice, Receiving Fatal Injuries—The Tragedy Was Caused by a Dispute Over Money Matters—Both Men Prominent in Public.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 15.—Of all the many tragedies Nashville has experienced, the most appalling was perpetrated yesterday. Chancery Court Clerk George K. Whitworth shot and killed instantly Chancellor Andrew Allison in the upper hallway of the courthouse in this city about 12:45 p. m. He fired both barrels of a shotgun loaded with buckshot, and about 22 of the shot took effect in the breast and side of the chancellor, who fell near the stairway, gasped once or twice and died.

Only one man, Joseph H. Acklen, saw the tragedy. The chancellor had just adjourned his court and left the room, entered the hall and was about to descend the steps. Whitworth, who was in the hall, said: "Oh, Judge," and as he turned fired at him. Acklen rushed to him, and as he did so, heard two shots behind him. Turning, he saw that Whitworth had shot himself with a pistol. After the first firing Deputy Clerk West ran out from his room into the hall and saw Whitworth shoot himself the first time. He called to him and Whitworth told him to stand off and backed away from him preparing to shoot himself again. West grappled with him, but too late, and the second shot was fired, both taking effect in the left breast.

Whitworth was perfectly cool and collected during the shooting and also after the affair, and expressed no regrets, but desired to know if he had killed his man, stating that no man who had treated him as Allison had done could live in the same country with him. The body of the dead chancellor was removed to his home and Whitworth was taken to his. He is still alive but is sinking rapidly, and can not survive many hours.

Whitworth was appointed to his office by Judge Allison, and served one term. At the expiration of that term, a few days since, Judge Allison appointed his son, Granville Allison, to succeed Whitworth, whose time expired today.

It was generally believed during the afternoon that Whitworth killed the chancellor because he refused to reappoint him. The facts later developed do not sustain this theory. From men familiar with the transactions between the two it is learned that the cause of the tragedy was the failure of Allison to settle or secure a large sum due from him to Whitworth for moneys loaned, said to be about \$25,000. For some weeks efforts had been made by Whitworth to secure a settlement without success. Finally arbitrators were appointed, Samuel J. Keith, a prominent banker, representing Whitworth and T. M. Steger, a leading lawyer, acting for Allison. For some days they had been trying to bring about a satisfactory settlement, and yesterday Whitworth was informed that they could accomplish nothing, and the shooting followed.

Judge Allison was re-elected to his office of chancellor in August last. He was a man of about 50 years, and a member of an old and prominent family. He was of distinguished appearance, very dignified manner, and stood high in the Tennessee judiciary.

George K. Whitworth was about 42 years old, had held several public offices and was an active Democratic politician.

LAST SHOT SUCCESSFUL.

Whisky-Crazed Man Attempts to Murder and Then Suicide.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 15.—Yesterday afternoon Allen Prime attempted to kill his wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Lehman, at 2004 Portland avenue, but luckily his bullets went wide of the mark. The women saved their lives by getting out of the way of the whisky-crazed man, after he had fired several shots. Prime then shot his sister-in-law, Miss Jennie Lehman, who was in the yard, the ball lodging under the right shoulder blade, inflicting a serious though not dangerous wound. He then turned the revolver on himself and with the one remaining cartridge in it shot himself through the head. He will die.

Prime is 30 years of age and a tinner by trade. He lost his position about three weeks ago and has been drinking hard since. His wife left him two weeks ago and went to live with her father on account of his cruelty. Prime had often threatened his wife's life.

Ex-Confederates at Gettysburg.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Nov. 15.—The Louisiana commission appointed by the governor of that state arrived yesterday and is composed of Eugene Levy, A. Levy, H. H. Ward, David Zable, Andrew Heor and C. L. C. Dupuy. During the afternoon, with Colonel Bachelder and Major Robbins of the United States commission, they visited and located their positions on the first day's field, including a portion of Cemetery Hill. This is the first of these Confederate states represented here.

Stolen Stamps Recovered.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Nov. 15.—A letter just received here from Postmaster Schindler states that \$2,453 worth of stamps stolen from the office in this city has been recovered in New York. This makes a total of \$8,728 worth of stamps recovered. One thousand dollars' worth and \$518 in cash are still missing.